

COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Wednesday, January 12, 2021

Lorna Negen called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:00 am

Roll Call

Dianne Birkholz, Judy Braun (phone), Shirley Kitchen (phone), Jody Langfeldt (phone), Lorna Negen, Gary Schmidt, Del Yaroch

Also Present

Paula Becker, Jackie DeLaRosa (phone), Sheila Drays (phone), Olivia Gerritson (phone), Rob Griesel (phone), Amanda Higgins, Sara Truse (Regional Quality Specialist, phone) Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt

Excused

None

Absent

None

Roll Call, Introductions, and Non-Member County Board Members

Roll call and introductions commenced.

Public Comment

None

Action on the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting

Del Yaroch motioned and Jody Langfeldt seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting with one item noted and corrected. Motion carried.

Scams

Paula Becker, Adult Protective Services Supervisor, briefly reviewed the identity theft booklet and folder made available to all attendees. Brief discussion held. Paula stated that the number one referral the Adult Protective Services (APS) unit receives is self and physical neglect with the number two referral being financial exploitation. The majority of those are scams. The biggest scam right now is romance scams with gift cards being second. The APS unit works with vulnerable adults at risk ages 18-59 as well as vulnerable older adults at risk ages 60 and over. The Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission are places you can go to report scams. For more serious scams affecting a vulnerable adult/older adult, call the ADRC and make an APS report.

Highlight of Positions in the ADRC

Olivia Gerritson is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the ADRC. Olivia stated she facilitates evidence based classes like Healthy Living with Diabetes, Healthy Living with Chronic Pain, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Stepping On, and Mind Over Matter. Eight participants took part in the virtual Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop that wrapped up last week. A Healthy Living with Chronic Conditions workshop is in the planning process. Before COVID, Olivia taught "How to Zoom" classes at the Watermark. Olivia states she is also coordinates volunteers for mainly the meals on wheels program.

Aging/Nutrition/Transportation Supervisor's Activity Updates

Jackie DeLaRosa stated the Dodge County Transportation Program provided 6,911 rides in 2020; 2,200 of those rides were from January through March. The program was awarded a new minivan in 2020 as well as one in 2021. Jackie stated the congregate meals stopped in March due to the pandemic and most all participants transitioned to frozen home delivered meals. A total of 32,877 home delivered meals were served in 2020. The program also partnered with the Gathering Source to deliver shelf stable meals to residents. There was a total of 3,243 volunteer hours which totals \$81,451 in INKIND dollars (volunteer contributions) in

2020. Jackie stated a limited term employee (LTE) Nutrition Program Coordinator position was approved and was just posted to employees as well as the public.

Caregiver/Dementia Specialist Program Updates

Rob Griesel stated the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon is a new education series ran by Dementia Care Specialists around the state. The following groups are currently running virtually: Monday Caregiver Coffee Hour held on Mondays from 10-11 am continues through 2021, the Alzheimer's Association (AA) Men's Caregiver Support Group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month from 1-2:30 pm, the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin (ADAW) Lewy Body Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1:30-3 pm, the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin (ADAW) Meeting of the Minds Programming meets every Tuesday at 10 am, and the Arts Café meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Rob also stated that the Dementia Resources and Lending Library by Swan City Park in Beaver Dam is up and running.

Benefit Specialist Activity Updates

Amanda Higgins stated that Jennie Farmer had additional initial trainings so could not attend this meeting. Cases have been more complex for a while now. There has been a significant increase of disability cases for those needing to apply for Social Security Disability this month. The 2021 federal poverty level guidelines should be released in the next week or so. These new guidelines take effect on February 1. Amanda stated that long-term cost shares has been suspended until February. Badgercare Plus MAPP premiums will restart in April. The *Virtual Welcome to Medicare Workshop* schedule was provided to members of this committee.

ADRC/Aging Supervisor's Activity Updates

November 2020 call statistics were provided for members of this board and briefly discussed. Kris explained that any funds raised for the Alzheimer's Association go to research and does not necessarily stay in Dodge County. Dementia Concerns Coalition is a grassroots non-profit organization that has been around for 20+ years comprised by local individuals/agencies. These funds stay in Dodge County for educational purposes, pays for scholarships, Project Lifesaver, and supports such as in-home care and respite. Brief discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items - Opportunity to Request Topics of Discussion for Future Meetings

The 2022-2024 year Aging Plan goal review, ADRC reinvestment resolution, and elections. Kris will bring information to the committee next meeting.

Review of Operations

None

Meetings in 2021

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be on **March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9 at 9:00 am** in the **Henry Dodge Office Building, 199 County Road DF, in Room G046.**

Adjournment

Dianne Birkholz motioned and Del Yaro seconded to adjourn this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 9:52 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Judy Brauer, Secretary

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